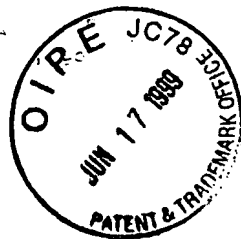


Proposed Claim Amendments



1. A method of producing elastomer masterbatch, comprising:

feeding a continuous flow of first fluid comprising elastomer latex to a mixing zone of a coagulum reactor defining an elongate coagulum zone extending from the mixing zone to a discharge end;

feeding a continuous flow of second fluid comprising particulate filler under pressure to the mixing zone of the coagulum reactor to form a mixture with the elastomer latex, the mixture passing as a continuous flow to the discharge end and the particulate filler being effective to coagulate the elastomer latex, wherein [mixing] feeding of the first fluid ^{2nd} [and] ^{again} the second fluid ⁷ [within] ~~to~~ the mixing zone is sufficiently energetic to substantially completely coagulate the elastomer latex with the particulate filler prior to the discharge end; and

discharging a substantially continuous flow of elastomer masterbatch from the discharge end of the coagulum reactor.

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